Maximum of 1904 Nearly Reached,

With September Still to Be

#### Reckoned. With the closing of the health office records for another w.ek last night, and the consequent passing of another marking point in the prevailing outbreak of typhoid fever, comes the casting up of facts and figures and the attendant analysis of the situation. Every District official concerned

for the public health is putting forth every effort to bring the fever under controlone of the best evidences of this being the herculean efforts to bring the filtration plant into play in advance of the original greeted at Newburgh. date set for its completion.

The accomplishment crowning this effort was witnessed early in the week just ended, when filter bed No. 1 began pouring its 3,000,000 gallons of germ-free water into the city's daily supply. More rapidly even than could be anticipated by the engineers in charge has the work at the filtration plant gone forward, and the closing of the week yesterday brought the report to Commissioner Macfarland that the fifth bed had been placed in commission and that the daily supply of water to the city was now composed of about 14,000,000 gallons of pure water and 46,000,000 gallons of raw Potomac.

This state of affairs, marking as it does the diminution of danger from typhoid and other germs in the ratio of nearly 25 per t, is regarded as very encouraging, and authorities are looking forward optimistically to the time, two weeks hence, when the good effects of this purification of a part of the water supply should be-come manifest in a diminution of the tycome manifest in phold fever cases.

#### Period of Incubation.

As the health office officials have repeatedly stated, however, typhoid germs in the human system do not incubate under three weeks after they have found a vulnerable point in the intestinal tract, and, unless the general public has taken warning from the repeated injunctions to "boil all drinking water" and to observe other necessary precautions against infection, no one wise enough to prophesy what the next fortnight or more may bring forth.

The past week, while it might be taken in a general way to show some en ing features, because the fever did not claim as many victims as in either of the two previous weeks, was still very far from offering substantial evidence that the maximum of the present outbreak has passed. From Sunday morning until Saturday night there were reported altogether sixtyfour new cases of typhoid fever, as against ninty-five during the previous week and seventy-nine during the week ended August On one or two days, it is true, the number of cases under treatment, which is the surest standard to guage the severity of the outbreak, fell off slightly, but the improvement in the situation never lasted over twenty-four hours.

As stated in yesterday's Star, the maximum of the epidemic of 1904, which registered as many as 298 patients under treatment at one time, has already been almost reached—and the maximum last year did not come until late in September. The city must still face that month this year, which has always been the worst from a typhoid

### Process of Development.

Day by day last week the typhoid fever situation developed as follows: Sunday, no cases; Monday, 11 new cases; Tuesday, 14; Wednesday, 13; Thursday, 4; Friday, 16; quarters reads: "About 3:10 this p.m. Ray-granday, 6. Total, 64. During the same mond Lewis, white, nine years old, living at time there were five deaths and thirty-one 201 41/2 street southwest, while playing near recoveries. Total cases reported since July an excavation of about eight feet of water

One development of the past week was an effort to show that the present outbreak of typhoid was being grossly exaggerated, and that many of the cases on the health office records were not typhoid fever at all, but some milder form of fever. series of statements to this end was deprecated by the authorities because of the tendency it might exert to have the general public relax in their precautions against infection from drinking water and other

## Authenticity of the Records.

As to the authenticity of the health office records the officials having that portion of the District business under immediate control summarize the situation by the statement that they "did not diagnose cases," and that any criticism of the correctness of the record by physicians of the city was therefore not a criticism of the health office but of the practitioners who seemed to have under their care the great-

One argument regarded as conclusive was advanced by Dr. Woodward, the health officer, to show the severity of the disease when from the records he figured that of the 132 cases reported during July, 22 have died, 50 recovered and 61 are still under treatment, with the result in some cases

During the corresponding week last year sixty-eight new cases of typhoid were re-ported to the health officer, and a year ago yesterday there were 195 patients under

## Typhoid a Soil Disease.

To the Editor of The Star: As my late husband died of typhoid fever in Washington, and since leaving there I in Washington, and since leaving there I was necessary for somebody to release him have had three children dangerously iii before he could return to his mother and with that treacherous disease, I have naturally taken an intense interest in the investigation of the cause. My family physician has studied the pros and cons of typhoid fever for thirty years, and has for as many years stated emphatically that until Congress and the medical profession turn their attention to other causes than the much-abused Potomac water, typhoid will continue to rage. He most positively asserted years ago that "certain kinds of soil and not water" furnished the germs. He wrote an article on the subject fourteen years ago, which attracted considerable attention from eminent men, who stated that though he was the first physician in this country to advance theory, prominent colleges abroad had adopted it. The doctor insists that when country roads are macadamized the problem will be solved; he considers typhoid a typi-cal country disease. In proportion to the pepulation, there are many more cases in the country than in the city, but the disease is in many cases carried into town. He has a personal knowledge of two hundred pounds of dirt being hauled in on the wheels of one wagon; think of the number of wagons that go from all quarters into cities! Doctor has never failed to trace a case to newly turned up soil. In a practice of thirty years he has seen but two cases in winter and early spring in the country, and they produced from house infection from former cases, whereas in cities, where soil is constantly drying, the inhabitants are never improved. inhabitants are never immune. On the other hand, there is practically no dust in the country in winter or spring. There is an old saying that a pound of dust in March is worth a pound of gold to the farmer. The doctor has had some of the most severe cases and even deaths where the patients have been monomaniacs on the subject of boiling all the water used; never used milk except from their own cow; never ate oysters, but did have old wood piles cleared up that had not been disturbed for

on the main street of this physician's town, when the new pike was made, he had from one to seven cases in a family. Hardly a home on said street but had one or more down with the fever. At that same time, there was not one case in the back lanes where there had been do digging; but there was plenty of stagnant water, and filth predominated, the lowest class of colored people making their homes in those quarters. One of their race, however, lived on the main street with a most genteel family, and she was ill for weeks

genteel family, and she was in for weeks with the fever.

Doctor states that the country is the only place where the origin can invariably be traced, and too, the disease occurs there only in late summer and early fall, for the reason that the rest of the year the ground is not dry and dusty. In fine, if the trouble only in late summer and early fall, for the reason that the rest of the year the ground is not dry and dusty. In fine, if the trouble were due to water, there would be no reason for the epidemic raging in one season more than another.

A. ANDERSON.

Long Island.

Misses Ethel and Annie Payne have resturned from an extended visit to relatives in New York.

Mr. Thomas Hillier was called to New York Thursday night.

ARRANGEMENTS IN PROGRESS FOR NATIONAL GATHERING.

A meeting of the members of local Army and Navy Union supporters, advocating the candidacy of Col. J. Edwin Browne for national commander of the Army and Navy Union, U. S. A., was held last night in the parlors of the Montgomery Hotel. A number of communications from members in other sections of the country were read, all pledging their assistance in furthering the interests of Col. Browne at the New-

burgh convention next month. Ever since the name of Col. Browne was mentioned in connection with the commandership his friends have been busy. It is stated, not only in this city, but elsewhere, and from the advices which are being received from garrisons all over the

Already extensive preparations are being made by the national officers of the Army and Navy Union for the assembling of the veterans next month. Commander Henry stated to a Star reporter before leaving for his home recently that the Newburgh gathering will eclipse any similar reunion held in recent years...

General headquarters during the con-vention will be at the New Dell House, corner 2d and Front streets, Newburg, N. Y., where the delegates and the host of comrades accompanying them will be given a cordial welcome. Arrangements are being made by Adjt. Gen. John Schumacher of Brooklyn, N.

Y., with all of the railroads and steamboat lines for special rates to and from the convention, and as a large number of ladies will attend ample facilities for their comfort is being made. Among those who will represent Washington it is expected there will be sev-

eral colored delegates from Guy V. Henry Garrison, No. 9, of this city. The credentials of the local contingent are now in the hands of the national ad-

At a meeting of Encampment No. 69, Union Veteran Legion, last night at 910 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, a committee consisting of Messrs. Dennis O'Connor and John W. Lewis reported resolutions heartily congratulating Col. J. Edwin Browne upon his vindication from charges preferred against him in the Army and ganization was thanked for his action in restoring Col. Browne to full and honorable membership and characterizing the charges made against him as "trivial and partisan in character.'

### AN ALLEGED ERROR.

#### Wrong Man Given Credit for Rescue of Drowning Boy.

People living in the vicinity of Maryland avenue and 4½ street southwest indulged in some unfavorable comment when they learned from the papers that Policeman Wilson of the fourth precinct had been given credit for rescuing Raymond Lewis from the water that had collected in an excavation at the corner mentioned. When they saw a photograph of the policeman reproduced in an afternoon paper they denounced the claim that the policeman had saved the boy's life.

"George Joseph saved the boy from drowning," a Star reporter was told, "and the policeman had nothing to do with it." "But," said the reporter, "the police records show that the boy was rescued by the policeman.'

"Don't care what the records show," said The Star's informant; "the policeman had nothing to do with it, but he did appear upon the scene after the boy had been

taken from the water."

The record as telephoned to police headwest, fell in, and was rescued by Officer Wilson and citizens. He was taken home

by his grandmother. His grandmother took him home, as stated in the report. He had been over-board, and was wet. He was also badly frightened, but had made a display of nerve that had won for him the praise of those who gathered about the muddy pond.
"I don't care who gets the credit," said Mrs. Reese, the grandmother of the boy, "but as long as there is anything said about it I think the proper person should get the credit. The man who keeps the fruit store on the corner saved Raymond."
The boy told a similar story. He said he was on his way up 4½ street, and thought he was walking in the mud, when he suddenly went down into the muddy water. When he went in the water deeper than himself, he said, he was frightened, and each time he appeared upon the surface of the water he raised his hands, thinking he could attract attention in that manner. Finally George Joseph grabbed him and pulled him from the water.

George Joseph, who conducts a fruit and confectionery store on the corner where the accident occurred, told a Star reporter a similar story of the rescue. He said he jumped into the water and grabbed the boy when he came to the surface with his hands a itstretched. It was after the boy had reached his store, he said, that the po liceman appeared.

There was another important and interesting feature of the affair that was not mentioned in the report. This was the part taken by Millburn Reese, a cousin of Raymond Lewis. Millburn is a son of the late Edward Reese, who was killed in the railway pit at 15th and H streets northeast a few days ago. The two children were walking along in the rain, and when Ray-mond slipped and fell the little fellow grabbed for his feet and tried to hold him. He became mired in the mud, however, and it grandmother.

## Falls Church News.

Special Correspondence of The Star. FALLS CHURCH. Va., August 26, 1905. The tenth annual convention of the Sunday schools of Fairfax county was held Thursday with Jerusalem Baptist Church, near Fairfax Court House. The attendance was large. Mr. E. C. Hough of Falls Church, president, presided over the convention. At the morning session, after devotional exercises, Rev. Edward Meade of Accotink made an address on "The Duty of Parents in Relation to the Sunday School." Following the address the subject was made a matter of general discussion, in which a number of prominent Sunday-Davison of Falls Church spoke on "The Sunday School the Nursery of the Church, and Mrs. C. H. Gray, president of the District of Columbia Primary Union, made an address on primary work. The address gave many practical suggestions as to methods of work.

The afternoon session opened with a song service, followed with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. E. H. Bronson of Vienna. The roll-call of the schools of the county showed most of them represented. county showed most of them represented. The secretary submitted his annual report, which showed a prosperous condition of the schools. Rev. J. W. Smith of Fairfax Court House conducted "King Arthur's Round Table," which proved an interesting feature of the session. "The Lesson Taught," by Mrs. Gray, was also profitable.

The annual election of officers resulted in the annual election of officers resulted in the selection of Mr. J. M. Thorne of Falls Church president; Mr. J. W. Taylor of Fairfax Court House, vice president; Mr. Arthur Robb of Herndon, secretary, and Mr. Robert Wiley, treasurer. The next annual session will be held with Woodlawn Baptist Church, Accotink.

Mrs. Van Houte fell down stairs Thursday, breaking her collar bone in two places and nearly severing one of her ears. The school board of the town has decided to open the fall term of the graded school on the second Monday in September.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Westcott salled for Engiand yesterday. They will visit the parents of Mr. Westcott and will be absent

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Buxton will attend the annual reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic at Denver next month, and from there will take a trip to the Pacific coast. Mr. Nathan Banks and family are spend-ing a month at their old home, Sea Cliff,

CONTESTS FOR SUPREMACY ON RECOLLECTIONS OF EARLY LIFE FLORISTS' CLUB RECEIVES RE-ATHLETIC FIELD.

Official Inspection by Commissioner Macfarland—Benefits Derived From the Committee's Efforts.

While the contests on three of the public playgrounds were at their height yesterday afternoon and while the youngsters were straining every nerve to beat one another in the trials of speed and agility, an official inspection of the grounds was undertaken by Commissioner Macfarland. It was a most propitious time for an investigation into the method of operating the grounds and for a general inquiry into the utility of the playgrounds movement, and when the inspection was over and the party was on its way home Mr. Macfarland expressed himself as much pleased with the condition in which these breathing places for the little ones of the capital were found and with the evidences of good accomplished by the directors of the various grounds. Particular mention was made of the results attained by Mrs. Fernandez, director playground for colored children on Delaware avenue southwest. On his tour about the grounds Commissioner Macfarland was escorted by Mr. Cuno Rudolph, chairman of public play-

#### tles; Charles F. Weller, general secretary, and Dr. Henry S. Curtis, supervisor,

grounds committee of the Associated Charl-

First Inspection. The first stop made was at the grounds on Delaware avenue southwest, where the children under Mrs. Fernandez were in the midst of a spirited field sports carnival, contesting with the juvenile athletes from another southwest grounds. From there the party went to the playground at North Capitol and L streets, and thence to the Ludlow school, the Wallach school and finally to the Navy Yard branch. Everywhere, said Commissioner Macfarland, were visible the benefits accruing

from organized effort intelligently directed and from the spirit with which the children entered into their games it was obvious the observer that this crusade to lead the children to better health and better life must make for the good of the whole city.

### Some of the Results.

The contests between the North Capitol Street and the Rosedale competitors, held at North Capitol and L streets, as reported by the director, resulted as follows:

50-yard dash, boys under sixteen years old-Paul Lingebach, first; Neil, second, and Kennedy, third. Time, 0.10%. 25-yard dash, boys under eleven years-

W. Lingebach, first; Hundy, second; Jacob, third. Time, 0.05. 60-yard wash-Van Reuth, first; Linge-back, second; Sherman, third. Time, 0.14. 100-yard dash-W. Moore, first; Hawkins, cond, and Wallace, third. Time, 0.13 2-5. Running broad jump, boys under eleven years old-Harvey, first; Lingeback, second, and Myer, third. Distance, 11 feet and 6

·Running broad jump, boys under sixteen years—Overland, won; Van Reuth, second. Distance, 12 feet and 6 inches. Standing broad jump-Boys under sixteen years. Van Reuth won, Cooper second and McVey third. Distance, 6 feet 4 inches. Running high jump-Boys under sixeen years. McVey, won; Lingeback, sec-nd. Distance, 4 feet 4 inches.

Potato race—Boys under sixteen years. Van Reuth first. Conner second and Manglitz third. Time, 1.01.

Potato race—Boys under eleven years.
G. Taylor first and Neal second. Chinning bar—For boys under sixteen years. Connor won. Manglitz second and

and Moore.
Total points — North Capitol street grounds, 78; Rosedale grounds, 42.
Races for girls at the North Capitol

Quoits-Won by the team of Sullivan

Twenty-five-yard dash-Girls under ten years, Rosa Carhart first, Jennett Rees sec-ond and Adele Berger third. Fifty-yard dash-Girls under sixteen years. Dorothy Rees first, Frances Sheridan second and Ethel Goldberg third.

Potato race—Girls under sixteen, Dor-othy Rees first and Ida Jouvenal second.

## A HANDSOME BUILDING.

#### Home for the East Washington Savings Bank.

The East Washington Savings Bank, which was incorporated several months ago by over a dozen of the leading financiers and business men of the national capital, will occupy what promises to be one of the handsomest bank structures in the city. The future home of the institution will be located on Pennsylvania avenue between 3d and 4th streets southeast, and the contractors have promised to make the building ready for occupancy by January 1, 1906. Ground has already been broken and the work of excavating for a foundation is preceeding rapidly.

The new banking house will be built of Indiana limestone and red brick. It will be only one story in height and somewhat after the Gothic style of architecture. The new structure will also be of fireproof con-struction. The contractors are Jennings &

Some of the incorporators are: Thomas W. Smith, M. I. Weller, Dr. W. C. P. Hazen, Samuel H. Walker, Richard Pyles, Michael Lynch, G. F. Harbin, Dr. Kingsman, John C. Yost, A. T. Stuart, H. H. McKee and Albert Cary.

## ROCKVILLE AND VICINITY.

### Farmers' Club Entertained by Dr. Thomas-General Matters.

Special Correspondence of The Star, ROCKVILLE, Md., August 26, 1905.

Mr. Lee Howerton Lindsay and Miss Clara Beall Mathias, both of this county, were married a few days ago at Wheaton, Rev. Thomas G. Faulkner of Silver Spring parish officiating.

The Montgomery County Farmers' Club was entertained a few days ago at the home of Dr. Francis Thomas, near Ednor. In addition to a large attendance of members about a dozen specially invited guests were present. The principal subject discussed was "Special Versus General Farming," the general opinion being that much depends upon the size of the farm and the ability of the man.

Joseph Beall, a young negro, was before Justice of the Peace Brewer here yesterday to answer a charge of carrying a concealed weapon. He was arrested by Deputy Sher-iff Frank Green and was found to have a razor in his pocket. In default of ball in the sum of \$300 he was committed to jail to await the action of the November grand

Mr. Alban G. Thomas and family have returned to their home at Ashton, this county, after spending about six weeks in Miss Nora Rabbitt has returned to her

home near this town after a stay at Atlan-tic City and a visit to friends in Philadel-Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. William W. Moore of Sandy Spring have returned home after a visit to

visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Ayton of Laytonsville, this county, Mrs. Irving Creamer of Laurel has been visiting relatives and friends at this place. Mrs. Hervey Brown and children of Worcester, Mass., are visiting Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Wilson, near

Mrs. R. B. Thurman of Provo, Utah, is

Calfornia and Alaska.

Mrs. Susan Warner and niece, Miss Ree Tinsley of this town, have gone to Lynch-burg. Va., to visit relatives.

## Readers

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# TYPHOID FEVER RECORD ARMY AND NAVY UNION PLAYGROUNDS' EVENTS SYMPATHY OF FRIENDS ECHO OF CONVENTION VIRGINIAN'S OLD LOVE ALEXANDRIA AFFAIRS

OF MR. AND MRS. WALSH.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., August 25, 1905. News of the recent violent death in an automobile accident at Newport of young Vinson Waish, son of Thomas F. Walsh, the mining millionaire, now a resident of Washington, was received by old-time residents of Birmingham with much sorrow. These old-time residents knew young Walsh's mother, formerly Miss Carrie Belle Reed, twenty-five years ago as a brightfaced girl who clerked in a 2d avenue bakery which her mother conducted here. Mrs. Walsh's uncle, C. H. Reed, a florist, is still one of Birmingham's oldest and

It was during the days of the great Birmingham real estate boom a quarter of a century ago that Stephen Reed came to Birmingham with his wife, two daughters and a son. One of the daughters was Carrie Belle, now Mrs. Waish, mistress of one of the finest mansions in Washington. family was very poor. In order to help "keep buckle and tongue together," the wife and mother opened a modest bakery

#### Toiled to Help Family. There Carrie Belle, the bright-faced girl

with brown eyes and hair, sold ples and cakes to the customers and helped her mother cook at odd moments. The girl was then fourteen years of age and her beauty and attractive manners

won for her many admirers among the male population. She was so popular that she was envied by many of her own sex and although she was only a clerk in a bakery she was held in the highest esteem by every inhabitant of the booming village. The family lived of the booming village. in a modest cottage on South 20th street owned by the girl's uncle, the florist, who

still lives across the street from the spot

which is now occupied by modern brick structures. Interested in Church Music.

As Miss Reed became older her musical alent began to develop, and she was made organist of the First Presbyterian Church when she was eighteen years of age. The church was a frame structure on the site of the present elegant brick First Presbyterian Church. About this time Thomas F. Walsh, a young contractor and house builder, came to Birmingham, attracted here like many others by the real estate boom. He had no money, but an abundance of pluck. When she was nineteen Miss Reed and Mr Walsh were married in the church where she was the organist, the ceremony being performed by Rev. L. S. Handley, then the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, and now the pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church of this city.

Walshes Left for the West. Meanwhile the boom collapsed and the Walshes left Birmingham for the west, When heard of again, years afterward, Thomas F. Walsh had struck it rich in gold mining in Colorado and became a millionaire. But Mrs. Walsh has never forgotten her Birmingham friends of her youth. On the recent visit of a wellknown Birmingham lady to Washington she met Mrs. Walsh at the latter's palatial home, and Mrs. Walsh showed a keen in-terest in the friends of her girlhood days here, and made many inquiries as to the growth and development of this city, which she had not visited since as a young wife she resigned her position as organist of the First Presbyterian church to go west with her husband to seek fortune in a new and untried country.

Much sympathy is expressed by the old-time residents of Birmingham for the for-

mer bright-faced girl of the bakery, now the wife of a millionaire, in the death of E. P. S. her son.

### A YOUNG DRINKER. A Boy Sixteen Years Old Disorderly

at the Lyceum. A boy about sixteen years old was taken from the gallery at the Lyceum Theater last night about 9 o'clock because, it is charged, he was disorderly. He had a bottle partly filled with whisky, and his condition indicated that he had consumed some of the fluid. When the special policeman in the theater spoke to him about exhibiting the bottle and asked him to put it away he objected to being dictated to by: the man wearing a badge. His conduct was such that the officer arrested him and took him to the street, where he was turned over to Policeman Owens. At the first precinct the boy gave his name as Harry Davis and told the police that his father is a special policeman. Under ordinary cir-cumstances he would have been sent to the house of detention, but his condition was such that he was detained at the station. if collateral is not left for his appearance he will be transferred to the house of de-tention when he recovers from the effects of the intoxicants in which he indulged.

## Missing Children Return Home.

Katie, James and Marie Wilmot, the three little children who disappeared from their home, at 3246 Prospect avenue northwest, Friday afternoon, and whose absence caused considerable apprehension, returned to their home shortly after nightfall yesterday evening. The children had spent the time since their disappearance with an aunt who resides at Riverdale. Lieut, Henry Schneider, assisted by several members of the Georgetown police, traced the littile ones to that place and had them brought

back to their home. Mrs. Wilmot, who had waited anxiously for her little ones, and who had nearly broken down under the strain, was greatly elated when she caught sight of the children upon their return. The children, twelve years and under, could give little excuse for their escapade,

## Naval Collier in Port.

The big United States naval collier Marcellus came up the river yesterday afternoon and anchored off Alexandria, but it is understood she will come up to the navy yard here this morning. The steamship has aboard, it is stated, a quantity of old gun mounts which have been removed from the naval ships at the Brooklyn navy yard,

and which are sent to the naval foundry here to be modernized.

This is the first visit the Marcellus has paid this city, and she is one of the largest vessels that has come up the Potomac in several years, though by no means one of the largest of the naval colliers. She is the largest of the naval colliers. She is 282½ feet long, 35 feet wide, and has a draft of 22 feet 5½ inches, and registers 1,227 tons. Though built in England in 1879 she was the German steamship Titania when purchased by the naval authorities for a coal ship at the outbreak of the war with Snain. with Spain.

Preparing the Vigilant for Service. Boilermakers are busy aboard the harbor police boat Vigliant making repairs, but it will be two weeks and possibly longer before the steamer will be ready for service. If the police boat were only to be used for towing and patrol duty and had only her crew aboard she could return to service within the next two or three days.

But in order that she may carry others be-sides her crew the steamboat inspectors demand that she shall be fitted with a fire pump, new and heavier davits for her boats, and other apparatus before they will give her a license. The work of installing the new apparatus has not yet been started, but it is understood the contract for the work will be awarded in a few days and the work push-

ed to completion.

Meanwhile the officers of the harbor pre-Meanwhile the officers of the harbor pre-cinct will continue to patrol the harbor in rowboats and launches and will cover the water territory the best they can until the Vigilant is ready for service.

A naphtha-power launch is badly needed as a part of the equipment of the harbor patrol, it is said, for service at such times as the present, when the larger patrol boat

PORT OF COMMITTEES.

Recent National Gathering the Sub- | Special Correspondence of The Star. ject-Stag Party Held and Presentations Made.

A special meeting of the Washington Florists' Club, the first since the twentyfirst convention of the National Society of American Florists, held recently in this city, met at 1214 F street last night. President Wm. F. Gude called the meeting to order at 7 o'clock, a majority of the members being present.

Preliminary reports from the chairmen of various committees were made, all tending to show that expenses for entertaining were well within the appropriations. Chairman J. R. Freeman of the finance

committee gave evidence of net gains upon advertisements in the souvenir book. Geo. H. Cooke, superintendent of exhibits, had a favorable report to make on the amounts accruing from space charges. The treasurer, W. H. Ernest, who was also the chairman of the bowling committee; Z. D. Blackistone, chairman of shooting, and Wm. F. Gude, chairman of reception, each

had the same general story to tell.

After a motion to pay all bills submitted by special chairmen and approved by the chairman of finance and the officers of the association had been adopted, letters of congratulation from visitors were read by the secretary, Mr. Peter Bisset. The whole tone of the letters confirmed the statement that the Washington florists had, in the matter of entertaining, surpassed all previous meetings of the national society; that the work of the convention and the nospitality of Washington had made the convention exceptional. It was decided to hold a regular meeting

#### the first Tuesday in September. Local Club Complimented.

Addresses were made by Charles L. Seibold, a visiting delegate from the Gardeners' Club of Baltimore, complimenting the local club on the nature of the convention, and by L. B. Burdette, a winner at the Analostan shoot, who stated there is a movement on foot to organize a local shoot-

ing team of Washington florists. After a special tribute to Col. E. B. Hay for the cleverness and skill of his presentation addresses at the Analostan Club, the meeting adjourned to 612 13th street, the establishment of J. R. Freeman, where, with all the accompaniments of a stag party-song, speech, food and drink-felicitations of success were exchanged.

The hit of the evening was the speech of Mr. E. C. Snyder, who presented, on the part of the Washington Florists' Club, the diamond bowling medal to the champion individual bowler, Charles L. Seibold of Baltimore, whose score was 513. By some mistake the medal, which was made New York, was not ready on the last night

of the convention. Vice President Freeman presented a gold coin as a special tribute of thanks to D. R. Campbell of the rathskeller, 8th and E streets, in appreciation of his management of the bowling alleys. The highest note of the evening, it was conceded, was struck in the dramatic singing of "Count" Per-

### The Winning Knights.

At the tournament held at Chapel Point, Md., Friday last Mr. William L. Huron, Knight of Washington Boy, won first honor; Childs Barnes, Knight of Mt. Churchie, second; Henry Hicks, Knight of Waldorf, third, and Griffin Mudd, Knight of La Plata, fourth. At the coronation ceremonies at night Miss Emma Mudd crowned queen of love and beauty, and Miss Mary Merrick of Upper Marlboro, Miss Marie Floyd of West Virginia and of honor. F. Stone Posey of La Plata was the orator of the evening. The tournament was attended by many from this city.

John H. Harrison of Petersburg, Va., and sister , met at Petersburg Thursday for the first time in twenty years. Mrs. Cordle is the mother of ten children and the grandmother of sixty-four children. Nine of the former and forty of the latter are now living, together with three great-grand-

SWEETHEART OF LONG AGO DIED ON EVE OF MARRIAGE.

OMAHA, Neb., August 24, 1905. Confined to a bed in the home of friends at 2808 Miami street, Omaha, Mrs. Lela Moir of Lynchburg, Va., is prostrated over the news that the sweetheart of her youth, whom she had not seen for half a century, but to whom she was en route to be married, had died suddenly in Elmo, Wash. where the marriage was to have taken place September 1. The one-time sweetheart, Charles Clay of Elmo, had acquired great wealth, and it is supposed that he left much of this to the sweetheart of his youth, but of this Mrs. Moir's friends are

not sure. Before the war, back in Lynchburg, Va., Lela Saunders was one of the belles, while Charley Clay was known as the best "match" in the county. The two had been sweethearts from childhood and were engaged to be married.

### A Misunderstanding Arose.

But a misunderstanding arose and young Clay went west. He never wrote nor communicated in any way with his Virginia friends.

In 1862 Miss Saunders married-her young husband leaving the following day for the war. Three months later his corpse was brought home.

But her husband had been a member of the Masonic order, and in February, 1905, the Lynchburg Masonic lodge was asked by the Elmo (Wash.) lodge to furnish information concerning Miss Lela Saunders. The information was given, and in February of this year Mrs. Moir received a

etter from Mr. Clay. In the letter Clay told of his wanderings hrough the west and of final settlement in Washington, where fate had been good to him, giving him great financial success He had married, raised a family, and had finally lost his wife.

### Kept Sweetheart's Memory.

But ever he had kept the memory of his Virginia sweetheart-his first love-and had carried her photograph the fifty years of his absence. He asked her to write to him. Mrs. Moir did write immediately. She, too, had carried the photograph of young Clay he had given to her when a young Matters progressed rapidly. She had no

children, while all of Mr. Clay's children had homes of their own. Always the two old people had remembered each other as they were in their young days and from their photographs. Neither could conceive of the other being old-to each other they were the sweethearts of their youth. And they did not

#### Died Before She Reached Him. Then it was arranged that Mrs. Moir

exchange late photographs.

should come to Elmo and be married to Clay. September 1 was fixed as the date. Mrs. Moir, now sixty-three years old, reached Omaha Wednesday. Thursday afternoon she received a telegram saying Mr. Clay was suddenly taken very sick. Friday morning, as she was preparing to leave the house to go to the man's bedside, a second telegram came saying he was dead.

The old lady collapsed, and has been in a dangerous condition since then. As soon

## the grave of the man whom she says she loved all her lifetime. T. R. P. "BUZZARDS' ROOST."

Work of Tearing It Down Has

as able to travel she will pay a visit to

Begun. The work of tearing down "Buzzards' Roost," the old landmark at the northeast corner of 9th and E streets northwest has begun, and in a few days the venerable structure will have disappeared. It is said a modern office building will be erected on the site, which is declared to be a valuable

#### lece of property. Name Misspelled.

In the list of marriage licenses published yesterday that issued to J. Francis Carr of this city and Miss Emma A. Pryal of Baltimore had the latter's name varegated flowers which he had planted and cultivated in his yard. misspelled as Pregal.

PROTEST AGAINST REMOVAL OF

REVENUE OFFICE.

Action of Commissioner Yerkes a Surprise-Visiting Ministers in Local

Special Correspondence of The Star.

Pulpits-General Items.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., August 26, 1905. The business men of this city and the residents generally are much concerned over the prospect of the removal of the internal revenue office for the sixth Virginia district from this city to Abingdon, in the southwestern section of the state. For some time after the office passed from Mr. Park Agnew of this city, at the completion of his term of service of eight years, to Mr. Louis P. Summers of Abingdon, May 1 last, there were disquieting rumors of an impending change of headquarters. A movement was started among several citizens, at the instance of Mr. T. C. Smith, cashier of the Alexandria National Bank, with a view of influencing Collector Summers in favor of the retention of the office at this place. In reply to the presentations made by the citizens Mr. Summers wrote a letter, directed to Mr. Smith, from which, though no positive statement was made elther way, it was inferred that Mr. Summers was content to have the headquarters remain in Alexandria. This statement was given out, and the general impression was produced that the matter would be allowed to remain at rest, at least for some time to

### Yerkes was contemplating an early change in the location of the office. Will Make Another Effort.

come. It was therefore with some surprise that the citizens learned that Commissioner

It is understood that the recent interview between Commissioner Yerkes and the speclal committee appointed by Mayor Paff to took after the interests of Alexandria in the matter did not produce a feeling of encouragement in the minds of the members of the committee, but it is stated that they will make an urgent protest September 10 when, by special appointment, they will again appear before the commissioner.

The citizens here insist that the headquarters should remain in Alexandria for several reasons, prominent among which is the fact that a large amount of money was recently expended in adequately furnishing and fitting up the revenue offices in the post office building. It is stated that these handsome apartments, if evacuated by the revenue officials, will be without compen-sating use. The headquarters having been here so long, it is also stated that a change would create more or less disarrangement for some time in the affairs of the service,

#### Visiting Ministers to Preach. In the absence of several of the resident

ministers, who are away on their vacations, their pulpits tomorrow will be occupied by visiting clergymen. Morning services will be held at Christ Episcopal Church, and the sermon will be delivered by Rev. Dr. Micou. At St. Paul's Episcopal Church the morning services will be conducted by Rev. R. L. Combs. Rev. J. H. Dunham will oc-cupy the pulpit in the Second Presbyterian Church at both morning and evening services, Rev. H. M. Reld will preach in the morning and evening in the Washington Street Methodist Episcopal Church South. At this church in the evening there will be a song service of fifteen minutes preceding the regular services.

### General and Personal.

The funeral of Mr. Joseph S. Beach, whose death occurred Friday, will take place Sunday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock from the late residence of the deceased on North Royal street. Friends and relatives have been invited to attend.

Miss Barbara Murrian, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell for the past week, has returned to her home in Spencer, N. C. The funeral of Mr. James Miffleton, who died Friday, will take place tomorrow af-ternoon at 4 o'clock from his late residence on Commerce street. Members of the Friendship Veteran Fire Association will

attend in a body. officer Joshua Sherwood of the police force today invited several of his friends to his residence on North Pitt street to view a remarkably luxuriant growth of

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Norfolk, Va., Office: Sheriff Hight of Thomasville, Ga., Thursday received a telegram from Live Oak, Fla., stating that a negro answering the description of Manuel Harder, charged with criminal assembly in haid there. 1340-41-42-43

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